

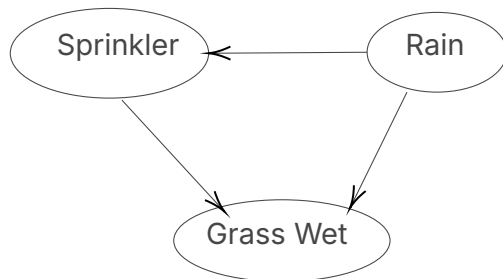
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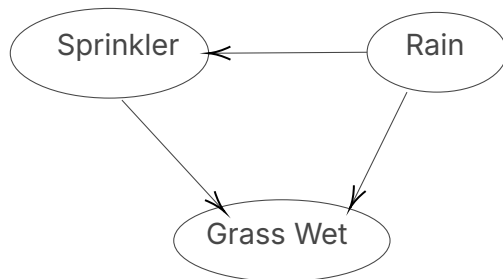
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$P(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_N)$ denotes the joint probability, where X_i are random variables.

$$P(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_N) = \prod_{k=1}^N P(X_k | \text{parents}(X_k))$$

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- Each email corresponds to vector/feature of length N containing zeros or ones.

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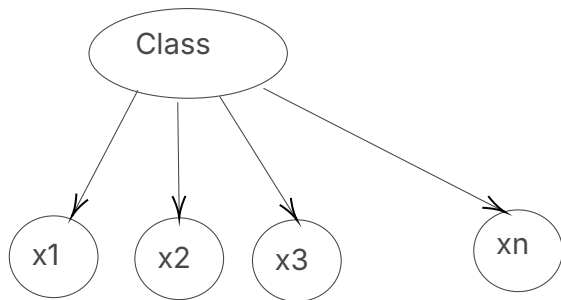
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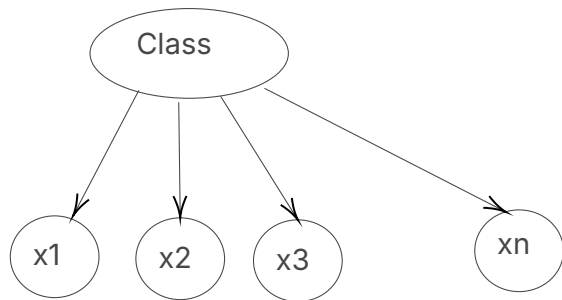
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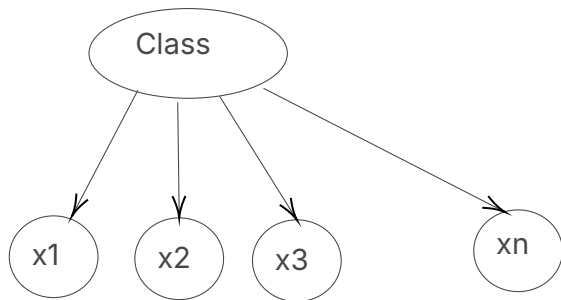


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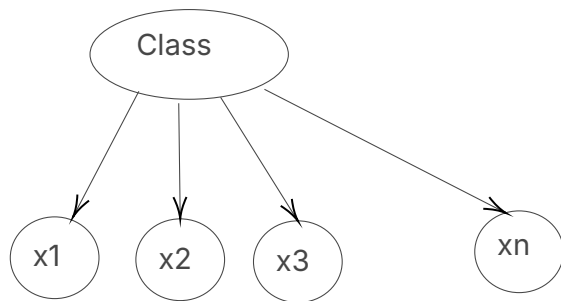
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Naive assumption x_i and x_{i+1} are independent given y

$$\text{i.e. } p(x_2 | x_1, y) = p(x_2 | y)$$

Frame Title

It assumes that the features are independent during modelling, which is generally not the case.

What do we need to predict?

$$P(y|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = \frac{P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N|y)P(y)}{P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)}$$

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Probability of x_i being a spam email

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lets assume that dictionary is $[w_1, w_2, w_3]$

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- What about: This product is not bad. Naive Bayes is very naive and does not account for sequential aspect of data.

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Now for $x =$ some observation ' v '

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Wikipedia Example

Height	Weight	Footsize	Gender
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5.58	170	12	M
5.92	165	10	M
5	100	6	F
5.5	100	6	F
5.42	130	7	F
5.75	150	7	F

Example

	Male	Female
Mean (height)	5.855	5.41
Variance (height)	3.5×10^{-2}	9.7×10^{-2}
Mean (weight)	176.25	132.5
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- Finally, we get probability of female given data is greater than the probability of class being male given data.